

**Remarks**

Claims 1-7, 9-12, and 15-19 are presently pending. Claims 1-6 are allowed. Claims 7, 9-12, and 15-19 stand rejected. Assignee appreciates Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 7, 9-12, and 15-19 were rejected as obvious from Yoshimura in view of Hata.

Claim 7 is amended to recite, among other limitations, "wherein each symbol in the second subset of the encoded symbols are encoded based on a common probability of occurrence of symbols in a symbol set, and wherein encoded symbols in the first subset that are not in the second subset are not encoded based on the common probability of occurrence of symbols in the symbol set".

Assignee respectfully submits that the combination of Yoshimura in view of Hata does not teach the foregoing for the reasons indicated in July 24, 2009.

**Conclusion**

For at least the foregoing reasons, each of the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issuance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees for actions requested herein to account no. 13-0017.

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